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Sorry, right-wing 'Christians': Jesus Christ is a liberal and these 20 quotes prove it

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Right-wingers keep going on and on about how much they love Jesus Christ. They see him as their "personal" Savior. But when you read the following 20 quotes from the ***New Testament***, you'll wonder what Bible they're reading.

Dictionary.Com defines the word "Christian" as people who follow Jesus Christ's teachings…or at least have *something* to do with Him:

> **Chris·tian [kris-chuhn] adjective 1. of, pertaining to, or derived from Jesus Christ or His teachings: a Christian faith. 2. of, pertaining to, believing in, or belonging to the religion based on a the teachings of Jesus Christ: Spain is a Christian country. 3. of or pertaining to Christians: many Christian deaths in the Crusades. 4. exhibiting a spirit proper to a follower of Jesus Christ; Christlike: She displayed true Christian charity. 5. decent; respectable: They gave him a good Christian burial.**

So, a Christian is a person who tries to *act* like Jesus Christ or at least follow His teachings? Alas, this definition doesn't sound at all like the GOP's so-called "Christians" we keep reading and hearing about in the news.

Do you know any right-wing Christians who truly follow Jesus Christ?

20 liberal quotes from Jesus Christ to ponder.

> ***(20) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him." [John 13:16 KJV]***

Jesus clearly favors an egalitarian society. Yet the conservatives have done everything they can to promote public policies that steal from the poor, give to the rich, and screw the middle class. The GOP's stubborn votes against food stamps and rejection of state Medicare expansions proves they don't even care about the people who voted them into office.

> ***(19) "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. Matthew 7:1-2 KJV]***

Jesus Christ commands his followers not to be judgmental towards their neighbors. Yet these right wingers can't stop themselves from making arbitrary judgments about nearly everyone: LGBTs, single moms, people of color, immigrants, non-Christians, poor people, and just anyone who isn't white, rich, male, and "Christian."

> **(18) "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" [Luke 6:41 KJV]**

Jesus Christ's famous quote about hypocrisy back in The New Testament times explains why these right-wing Christians say one thing and mean another. They talk about the "sanctity of marriage" between "one man and one woman." Yet their leaders cheat on their spouses, seek gay sex on the down low, talk obsessively about rape, cheat on taxes, abuse drugs (prescription or not), and engage in illegal acts. They're also the first to throw a non-violent, first-time drug offender in prison, or claim a rape victim was "asking for it."

> **(17) "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." [Matthew 5:9 KJV]**

Jesus Christ preached peace, love, and kindness to his followers. But these conservative Christians are always the first to blast the trumpets of war. If they had their way, we'd still be in

Afghanistan and Iraq, plus we'd be sending U.S. armed forces into Palestine, the Ukraine, and our local homeless encampments.

> **(16) "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" [Matthew 6:26]**

If the previous quotes make Jesus Christ sound mildly liberal, this one makes Our Savior sound like a Goddamned hippie Communist. Right-wing Christians love heaping scorn on people who get help from the U.S. government, with no thought to whether their troubles are temporary or they've paid into the system. Even a lot of left-leaning Democrats demand that people on welfare be held "accountable." Yet here's Jesus saying that we should all be fed and cared for — regardless of our morals or how hard we work — just because we exist and God loves us. And as for those lazy, do-nothing "fowls of the air," Jesus doesn't even think we worker bees are any better than them.

> **(15) "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." [John 8:7 KJV]**

Unlike today's conservative Christians, who eagerly serve in the vanguard of the GOP's war on women, Jesus Christ has no regard for double standards that hold men and women to different rules. At least four women — his mother, Mary Madgelene, and the sisters Mary and Martha — were beloved members of his inner circle. When a crowd gathered to stone a woman to death for the "crime" of adultery, Jesus stopped them dead in their tracks by demanding that the person without sin cast the first stone.

> **(14) "But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" [1 John 3:17 KJV]**

How can a conservative so-called "Christian" read this passage and keep voting for people who give tax cuts to the rich, while slashing programs that feed families, care for the elderly and disabled, house the homeless, provide healthcare, protect consumers, and keep our air and water clean?

> **(13) "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." [Matthew 9:35]**

Jesus Christ famously roamed the Holy Land giving free healthcare to everyone in need. Even many non-Bible readers are familiar with Our Savior's healing exploits. Yet, His conservative "Christian" followers in Congress are adamantly opposed to giving Americans access to healthcare. Instead, they waste U.S. taxpayers' time and money over and over again trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) even though their GOP lawmakers helped design the program, and their 2012 presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, had great success with a similar program during his tenure as Mass. state governor. Go figure.

> **(12) "Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." [Matthew 23:28 KJV]**

This biblical passage comes straight from the Savior's mouth, and describes our country's conservative Christians to a tee(minus some of the other things they're "full of").

> **(11) "And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise." [John 2:14-16 KJV]**

Unlike our Mammon-worshipping conservative Christians, Jesus Christ clearly loathes capitalism. Pretty much the *only* time we *ever* see Jesus totally lose his cool and go into an Incredible Hulk-like rage is when he returns to Jerusalem with his disciples, and finds the Temple clogged with bankers and vendors. He doesn't just *yell* at them, He totally goes apesh*t, wrecks their booths, and drives them out with whips He somehow manages to improvise and fashion on the spur of the moment. One can only imagine how Jesus would feel about Wall Street, the Koch brothers, and ALEC.

> **(10) "And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." [Matthew 19:24 KJV]**

If you've got any doubt about how Jesus Christ would feel about income inequality, the Supreme Court's ***Citizens United*** ruling, or rich CEOs raking in huge profits while crusading against a long-overdue minimum wage hike, this passage makes it pretty clear that making profits at other people's expense gives you bad karma in the Great Beyond.

> **(9) "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like**

> **unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." [Matthew 22:37-40 KJV]**

When Jesus Christ's adoring crowds asked which of the ***10 Commandments*** are the most important ones for them to follow, Jesus turned around and changed the rules. He said that if we first love God, and then love our neighbor, the rest would follow naturally. It's hard to see how denying gays the right to marry and cutting anti-poverty programs follows Jesus' teachings. Yet, our conservative "Christian" lawmakers insist this is what we should do.

> **(8) "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward." [Matthew 6:5 KJV]**

Conservative Christians claim to love Jesus, and seem to adore shouting their faith from atop their soap boxes any chance they get. But the real Jesus Christ scorned these showy – and often phony – displays of piety, and went out of his way to preach against them.

> **(7) "But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless." [Matthew 12:7 KJV]**

Jesus Christ always preached mercy for women, children, sinners, criminals, the poor, and even his own enemies. Yet, today's conservative Christians demand ~~retroactive abortions~~ the death penalty and insist that children who commit crimes should be charged as adults.

> **(6) "But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat." [Matthew 14:16 KJV]**

Jesus Christ always wanted to feed people and extend hospitality to strangers, no matter what their circumstances. Yet, conservative, so-called "Christians" seek to cut back on food stamps and deport immigrants — or bar them from entry.

> **(5) "And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers." [Luke 11:46 KJV]**

Thank you, GOP lawmakers, for passing laws and promoting policies that make things harder for most of your fellow Americans.

> **(4) "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." [Luke 12:48 KJV]**

Or, as President John F. Kennedy more ***succinctly states***, "To those whom much is given, much is expected." Alas, conservative Christians have gotten this all mixed up. They think that to those whom much is given, much can *be* expected. Oops.

> **(3) "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." [Matthew: 11:28 KJV]**

Unlike today's right-wing so-called "Christians," Jesus Christ sympathized with those who work day-to-day to scrape by, and preached that they would get their reward. Meanwhile, Republicans refuse to even consider raising the minimum wage to keep up with the cost of living.

> **(2) "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." [Matthew 25:34-40 KJV]**

The Christian Right keeps ranting about how raising taxes to pay for programs that help the poor and folks who find themselves in a jam is somehow like forcing us into slavery. But Jesus Christ's views on feeding, clothing, and helping people in need is unequivocal: He sees it as directly serving Him.

> **(1) "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not." [Matthew 25:41-43 KJV]**

In case the previous half of this passage doesn't make Jesus Christ's views abundantly clear, Our Savior gets more specific. He says that on Judgment Day, He will look askance at people who refused to help those less fortunate than themselves. Not only that, Jesus Christ will curse them

and cast them away "into everlasting fire." It's shocking that conservative "Christians" keep ignoring this. Maybe someday, they'll find religion.

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Tim Suter

Dear Elizabeth,

Jesus came to fulfill the Law - not abolish it by liberalizing it into nothingness. What is the Law? The Ten Commandments. Yes - THOSE restrictions that will rub a true liberal raw. And they are definitively and authoratively COMMANDMENTS mind you - not "suggestions". In fact, liberalism in part is why people in the Old and New Testaments suffered. They have gone against the will of God for their lives. Due to free will, humanity is inherently going to try to be liberal and will do so because they aren't careful about having custody of the mind and senses. Feelings and…
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Todd Murchison

"Freewill"? If a robber holds a gun to your head and says "your money or your life" . . . do you have freewill in that? Well, you do but . . . . . This argument fits perfectly with the freewill argument. And they never have an answer.

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Bacon Nivison

One of the greatest misperceptions in modern history. Each of the quotes here exhibit Christ's drive toward enhancing and amplifying individualism. One of our greatest modern challenges to individualism and freedom, is modern liberalism, which is a lie from it's foundation. Even having stolen its moniker, "liberal" from classic liberalsim, a political ideology which still exists (although raped). Classic liberalism advocates civil liberties under the rule of law with an emphasis on economic freedom. Modern liberalism is about governing liberally (lots of salt, lots of government). Christ had n… See more

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Drew Hunsicker

Quite a few things taken out of context above. Try looking at Jesus through a

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1.

T Rodgers on April 10, 2017 at 1:31 am

They have already found *religion*, I hope that they soon find *faith*.

2.

Kris on April 10, 2017 at 3:03 pm

ANEN SISTER! Well said

3.

I have the hots for Britt Ekland on April 10, 2017 at 3:21 pm

I call today's Christians "Krishchunz": they're nothing but hate-filled ideologues.

I like to think that in hell, each of these yahoos has to spend eternity surrounded by what he hates most (like gay pride parades).

"I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. They are so unlike your Christ." – Gandhi

4.

CathyO on April 11, 2017 at 1:17 am

You see life through another lens.

5.

Julius P. on April 11, 2017 at 2:58 am

This is so close to my heart . It could not be more truthful , if it came from heaven in a headline. All these facts pertaining to these false christain republican's and democrats alike will be the down fall out the country that could really become great. If only for the hate. Greed ! Imigained Power !

6.

maya on April 11, 2017 at 3:18 pm

so, the next step, then, is to become peace, love and kindness : each of us, within ourselves. it really does begin with education : to teach peace, love and kindness is to create those things in our selves and in our way with each other … i do believe the way forward for us is (actually) more like the ancients asked us to be with each other – loving and supportive. lord knows, we have tried war (of all kinds) upon each other … what may we create if we become more of who we are : love.

the thing is, we can if we will.

thank you for thinking!

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love to you this day! go ahead – hug yourself (first), then send love – a smile, gratitude, peace and kindness to everyone you meet – today!

maya

7.

Linda Lutes on April 13, 2017 at 3:20 pm

This article enunciates everything I have been thinking and feeling since the election. When I read that 80% of Evangelicals, of which I was one in my younger years, I cringe to hear that they voted for Trump. He and the Republicans in Congress would have been thrown out of the temple. I have been saddened since the election but know that the truth of Christ' words will prevail. Thanks for putting this so eloquently and into perspective.

8.

Greg on April 16, 2017 at 2:16 pm

So many distortions of Christianity and Chistians it hard to know where to start.

- Elisabeth on April 16, 2017 at 4:00 pm

  I know. And now these followers of Mean/Bizarro Jesus have seized control and are inflicting misery on the rest of us.

9.

KSM on April 16, 2017 at 2:16 pm

It is rare that I find so much ignorance and arrogance together in one post.

You erect a straw-man purported to be typical of evangelicals, then burn it down. The only problem is that it bears no resemblance to any evangelicals that I know.

Let me encourage you to get to know some evangelicals before you criticize them further. Dialog will open hearts and minds.

- Elisabeth on April 16, 2017 at 3:58 pm

  I'm talking about the right-wing evangelicals who've taken over our government, not all evangelicals. And if the ones you know are voting Republican, they are hurting millions of people and there is nothing "Christian" about that.

10.

Emmanuel Goldstein on April 16, 2017 at 2:37 pm

Verily . . .

Mark you this, Bassanio,
The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose.
An evil soul producing holy witness
Is like a villain with a smiling cheek,
A goodly apple rotten at the heart:
O, what a goodly outside falsehood hath!

The Merchant of Venice, Act 1, scene 3

11.

Flig Narson on April 16, 2017 at 6:14 pm

You are confusing the teachings of Jesus about love and charity on an individual basis, and voting for candidates who promise that the government will take from its citizens in the form of taxes, to give to those the government chooses to give it to. In point of fact, Christians and true conservatives give far more of themselves, their money, and their time than liberals do.

- Elisabeth on April 17, 2017 at 4:44 am

  Sorry, but "love and charity on an individual basis" helps, but it doesn't keep people housed, clothed, and fed…Especially now that we live in a time where there aren't enough full-time jobs, and minimum wage no longer supports a frugal family like it used to. Conservatives need to stop claiming charity can fill the gaps and admit that they don't believe that food, housing, water, health care, and education human rights.

12.

Donovan Taylor on April 16, 2017 at 7:06 pm

My understanding of Jesus was to spread acceptance and forgiveness of others. If you pray to Jesus for a Cadillac, you have must the lesson. All these wealthy people that consider them selves Christians have missed parts of his teachings. A Rebublican cannot be a Christian. Money for community help should show people in need the care of the Christian people. Tearing down a beautiful home on main street to build a parking lot is disgusting. You cant walk 50″ to givemoney for your sins. That this counrty is, has and will always be a secular government.

13.

Rob on April 16, 2017 at 8:53 pm

I missed the quote advocating for the theft of the fruit of people's labor, by force, to make people dependent on Him. Which chapter and verse was that?

- Elisabeth on April 17, 2017 at 4:19 am

  "Theft of the fruit of people's labor by force?" Our bankers and business leaders are the ones doing that, not the government. U.S. Workers haven't had a raise in ages, yet the cost of living keeps going up If forporate still reliably employed the majority of us and paid a living wage plus benefits like like they used to, people wouldn't need Obamacare or food stamps. I don't understand why conservatives object to government control but not to corporate control And I'd be way more open to small government if corporations weren't so abusive and if they were still providing living wage jobs.

14.

Dewell J Cooper Jr on April 19, 2017 at 7:43 pm

Seems you might have missed this passage … Verses 49 on are of particular interest.

Luke 12:41-59 (KJV)

41 Then Peter said unto Him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

42 and the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler

over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?
43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
44 Of a truth I say unto you, that will make him ruler over all that he hath.
45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;
46 The lord of that servant will come in a day whe he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.
47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did acccording to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.
48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him much shall be required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask for more.
49 I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?
50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!
51 Suppose ye that I come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:
52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.
53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.
54 And he said to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightaway ye say, There cometh a shower, and so it is.
55 And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be a heat; and it comes to pass.
56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?
57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?
58 When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, as thou art in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be dilivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.
59 I tell thee, thou shall not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite.

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